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REMARKS

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1. A train observed between Bernburg (M 52/D 76) and Koethen (M 52/D 95), en route toward Koethen, in the afternoon of 17 September 1951, carried Soviet troops in 15 boxcars and 14 T-34/85 tanks and 12 trucks on an undetermined number of flatcars.

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2. Motor vehicles were noticed in the Pionier Schule in Dessau-Rosslau (M 52/E 17) on 17 and 18 September.

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3. Troops and motor vehicles observed in the individual barracks installations in Wittenberg (M 52/E 37) on 17 and 18 September included engineer troops

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in the Taunentzien Kaserne: tank troops with motor vehicles in the Roseler Kaserne; artillery troops with motor vehicles

in the Flak Kaserne; and motor vehicles in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. \*

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4. Between 12 and 21 September, engineer troops were seen bivouacking along the Wittenberg-Schlangengrube road and in the woods south of Meinsdorf. Forty assault boats, 15 amphibious cars and motor vehicles

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were seen with the troops. An undetermined number of T-34 and JS-3 tanks mounting 25-mm and 76.2-mm AA guns respectively, and motor vehicles mounting searchlights, were noticed in the camp between Thiessen-Hundeluft and in the woods north of Meinsdorf.

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Tanks, and motor vehicles were noticed in the Brambach-Kuehnau area. \*\*

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\* Comment. the train carried motor vehicles of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, and headquarters units of the Third Shock Army. The motor vehicles observed in Rosslau belong to the 88th Engr Bn of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, to the Third Shock Army, to the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GOFG and to a unit from Naumburg, possibly to a signal unit. Motor vehicles observed in the Taunentzien Kaserne in Wittenberg belong to headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army and to the 6th Gds Tank Div; those observed in the Roseler Kaserne to the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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and to the 6th Gds Tank Div; those observed in the Flak Kaserne to the unidentified artillery division in Potsdam or to the 2d Gds A/A Div, to the air force and to the GOFG; and those observed in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne to the air force and to the 19th Gds Mecz Div.

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Comment.

engineer troops bivouacked in the Thiessen-Mundeluft area and in the areas of Schlangengrube, 4 km east of Rosslau, and Brambach-Stautz between 11 and 16 September 1951. Motor vehicles of the 6th Gds Tank Div were seen with the engineer troops in the Thiessen-Mundeluft area. The present report, covering the entire bivouacking area, mentions motor vehicles of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt, of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, the 7th Gds Tank Div, the unidentified AA division of the Third Gds Mecz Army, including those of other headquarters units, and the 11th Gds Mecz Div. It is possible that a concentration of numerous units there is a measure preparatory to a large-scale fall maneuver in this area. Whether units of the Eighth Gds Army, which were observed in the Pitterfeld-Delitzsch area in mid-September 1951, are among those units concentrating in the area mentioned above or will participate later in the maneuver is still to be determined.

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